

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of August 8, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the selected pattern(s) are selected from a collection of patterns. Support for this amendment can be found at page 38, lines 1-33 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 8, 9, 14, 21-31, 40, 44, 45, 47 and 48 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-discussed amended independent claim 1, and claims 8, 9, 14, 21-31, 40, 44, 45, 47 and 48 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Martin, Yamasaki, Silverbrook and Hashi either taken alone or in combination with one another, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the selected patterns are selected from a collection 200 of patterns (see page 38, lines 1-33 of the present specification). As such, it is clear that the claimed invention is directed to a wallpaper printer for printing a selected set of predetermined patterns based on the selection of the patterns by a user.

On the other hand, Martin is specifically directed to providing a system for allowing a user to produce personalised wallpaper products, where the user's own designs are input to the system (see paragraphs [0001] and [0008]-[0011] of Martin).

Thus, it is clear to one of ordinary skill in the art that there is no motivation to have the user select from a collection of predetermined patterns, let alone to provide a bar code scanner for such selection, because it is the user's own designs which are to be selected.

Therefore, since Yamasaki merely discloses to use a bar code reading means for scanning a bar code provided on recording medium for specifying the type of recording medium for printing (see paragraph [0171] of Yamasaki), and neither Silverbrook nor Hashi make up for these deficiencies in Martin and Yamasaki, there is no motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Martin, Yamasaki, Silverbrook and Hashi in the manner required by amended independent claim 1, and claims 8, 9, 14, 21-31, 40, 44, 45, 47 and 48 dependent therefrom.

Specification

The Applicant has amended page 1 of the specification by deleting the paragraph entitled "Co-pending applications" and replacing it with a new updated paragraph. The US application numbers have merely been replaced by their corresponding US grant numbers, where applicable. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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